CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Cocaine Cowboys 2: Hustlin' With The Godmother
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	0900900.000
Medium:	DVD
Distributor:	Madman Entertainment
Director:	Billy Corben
Producer:	Billy Corben David Cypkin Alfred Spellman
Country of origin:	United States
Language:	English
Applicant:	Film & Video Labelling Body
Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable. The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
Excisions:	Recommended but not made
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	31 July 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Feature	

	Select Scene Setup Extras	
Feature(s):	Cocaine Cowboys 2: Hustlin' With The Godmother	99:38
Timed component(s):	Cocaine Cowboys 2 (Trailer) Hustlin' With Charles Cosby: The Making Of Cocaine Cowboys 2 Transsiberian The Wackness Mr Untouchable Cocaine Cowboys Notices	2:25 15:20 1:44 2:13 2:11 1:51 0:59
Untimed component(s):	DVD Credits Commentary	
Total running time:		126:21

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an entertaining and anecdotal talking-heads style documentary about the Cocaine trade in the United States in during the 1970s and 1980s. One excision is required to remove a sequence from the feature which promotes and encourages the criminal act of producing crack cocaine. It does this by providing step by step instructions on the production of crack cocaine from powder cocaine. With this material included, the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good regardless of the age or level of maturity of its viewers. The distributor decided not to make the excisions and the DVD is therefore classified as objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of objectionable interferes with the freedom of expression, but is the only outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.